

Banner Message

Title: Nursing Home Transition

COS: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

Dear Nursing Home Provider:

Effective April 1, 2003, the Department of Community Health, Division of Medical Assistance will implement changes to the Long Term Care pre-certification process. Below is a detailed outline of important changes to share with your staff.

DMA 6

Providers will no longer send the DMA-6 form to Georgia Medical Care Foundation (GMCF) prior to a resident's admission into the facility. However, the DMA-6 must be completed and maintained in the resident's file to substantiate that the resident meets the requirements for nursing home level of care on admission, via the physician's signature. Providers will no longer send the DMA-6 to GMCF at annual review.

PASRR

The PASRR (Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review) process will not change from the current process. GMCF will continue the PASRR Level I reviews. The PASRR Level I assessment must occur before resident admission into a nursing home. Providers will be notified by GMCF of a PASRR Level II limited stay approval. Approvals begin with the number 1000L. At the end of the approval period, the provider must reinitiate a DMA-613 with GMCF for further evaluation of appropriateness of continued resident admission.

MDS

MDS will be completed per federal requirements, along with monthly physician orders. The MDS data will continue to substantiate that the resident continues to require a nursing home level of care. At resident's annual review, the physician will sign an attestation statement, stating whether or not the resident continues to meet a nursing home level of care.

DMA 59

Providers will complete a DMA-59 and forward it to the local DFCS office. The DMA-59 will serve as evidence to DFCS that the resident meets the requirements of a nursing

home level of care. The initial DMA-59 will remain in effect until the resident is discharged, transfers to another facility, transfers into a hospice program, or death.

Blue Mailers

GMCF will no longer send out blue mailers for LTC pre-certification since they are no longer required.

Should you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact the Nursing Home Program Specialist, Pamela Madden at (404) 657-6646.

Thank you for your continued participation in the Georgia Medicaid program.

Sincerely,

Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Medical Assistance